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CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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FINANCIAL PACKAGE TO SMALL SCALE PHARMA UNITS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the small and medium Pharma enterprises require more than Rs. 10 crores each to upgrade themselves to Schedule M as per estimates compiled by the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research recently;

(b) if so, the details of grants and incentives that are available to small scale Pharma units in the matter; and

(c) the steps taken for resurgence of Pharmaceutical Sector as a major export oriented unit in the country?

Answer

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(a) & (b): National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) has not compiled the estimates of Rs.10 crore required for Upgradation of the SMEs to Schedule M. However, as per the information available with the Department,the Upgradation to Schedule `M` by a small and medium Pharma enterprise normally requires a sum of Rs.20.00 lakhs to Rs.2.00 crore depending upon the capital cost and the size of the unit.Department of Pharmaceuticals is also in the process of finalization of Pharmaceutical Technology Upgradation Assistance Scheme (PTUAS).

(c): The Government of India is constantly monitoring the Export in Pharma Sector and taking all the possible measures as well as providing support through Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council,